

# FAST FACTS

## [OUR TASK]

- Eliminate Common Core
- Create a roadmap to #1 Standards in the U.S.
- Include FL parents and teachers in the process
- Increase the quality of curriculum
- Streamline testing
- Prioritize civics
- Outline pathway for Florida to become the most literate state in the nation

**100,000** Reviews of current & draft standards  
**1,510** Combined years of experience of consulting teacher experts  
**154** Virtual & 11 in-person meetings with FL expert groups  
**80+** More than 80 FL-based teacher and stakeholder groups participated in reviews  
**9** Public meetings across Florida to collect feedback

## THE RESULTS

- ✓ **Eliminated** Common Core
- ✓ **Content-rich**
- ✓ **Back-to-basics** building a foundation at early grades
- ✓ **Understandable** for teachers, parents and students
- ✓ Created **by Florida experts** including 80+ FL-based teacher & stakeholder groups
- ✓ **Flexibility for teachers** with a focus on great content
- ✓ Improves **rigor across all grades**
- ✓ **Developmentally appropriate** course content
- ✓ Actionable solutions for the **reduction of testing**
- ✓ **Concise standards** to set clear expectations for students, teachers and parents
- ✓ Clear **expectations for progression** year to year through great course alignment
- ✓ First in nation with **civics booklist** in ELA standards

### MATH

- + Ends "Confusing/Crazy Math" that was a roadblock for parents to help students at home
- + Flexibility given to students to show their unique "strategy" for problem-solving
- + Focus on correct ANSWER, not only the method
- + Balanced emphasis on skills vs. concepts will help struggling students catch up
- + Includes real-world context to make math more valuable to overall education
- + Financial Literacy added throughout high school
- + Moves mastery of basic whole number arithmetic from 6<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- + Full glossary to give teachers and parents a comprehensive understanding
- + Clearer indications of how different topics connect within and from grade to grade

### ELA

- ⚡ First in nation with integrated booklist across all grades
- ⚡ Framing learning around classic literature and primary source materials
- ⚡ Students will learn from every major literary period
- ⚡ Civic literacy embedded in every grade
- ⚡ Moves use of rhetoric and debate from 9<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- ⚡ Benchmarks specifically for secondary students reading below grade level
- ⚡ Consistent vocabulary so parents and teachers know what's being asked of students
- ⚡ Includes appendix and full glossary to help teachers and parents improve student fluency and understanding
- ⚡ Guides teachers and parents with clarifications throughout

## [NEXT STEPS]



**2020-2021**

The FL State Board of Education will adopt the package all-in-one

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Governor's proposed budget includes \$3 million to support teachers

**2021-2022**

ELA curriculum will be updated

**2022-2023**

Math curriculum will be updated & Assessments will be complete